

## McADOO FIRM IN DENIAL OF SHIP-BILL DEALS

Secretary of Treasury Repudiates  
Statement That He Had Entered  
Into Negotiations.

### REPLY TO BURTON RESOLUTION

Lists of Steamers Under Foreign  
Flags Furnished by McCarthy and  
Baker, Probably Resulting From  
Reports of Proposed Legislation.

WASHINGTON, February 16.—Secretary McAdoo gave out to-night a copy of a letter to Senator Fletcher, emphatically denying intimations that he had entered into negotiations for the purchase of merchant steamers of belligerent nations for operations under the proposed ship-purchase bill. The letter replies to a resolution introduced several days ago by Senator Burton. Mr. McAdoo summed up his statement as follows:

"In view of false rumors and statements, permit me to say in conclusion that the Secretary of the Treasury has at no time had a communication from or discussion with any banking house, banking institution or banker, in or out of the United States, in connection with the purchase, sale or disposition in any manner whatsoever, of the German ships, interned in the ports of the United States or elsewhere, or in connection with any other ships of belligerent or neutral nations for any purpose whatever."

Replying to Senator Burton's inquiry as to whether tenders of steamers flying belligerent or neutral flags had been made, Mr. McAdoo referred to information concerning available ships contained in a report he made to the Senate on freight rate increases. He added that lists of steamers under French, British and German flags had been furnished by J. V. McCarthy, of Boston, and R. N. Baker, of Baltimore, and that offers of neutral ships were included with the letter from Mr. McCarthy. These offers probably resulted from published reports of the proposed ship-purchase legislation, he said.

### KAISER TERRIBLY DEPRESSED

Apparently Realizes What Future Has  
In Store for Him.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LONDON, February 16.—A correspondent who recently had an exceptional opportunity for a close personal observation of the Kaiser, writes:

"Published photographs do not understate the changes which have been wrought in him by the war. His physical appearance shocked—almost frightened—me. The Kaiser has aged terribly. His hair has become gray, and he has an air of fixed depression. He speaks but little, and then his articulation is abnormally slow."

"I was convinced that he realizes what the future has in store for him and his people, and sees little that is bright in the prospect. The officers of the Emperor's personal staff share his downcast mien and, apparently, are filled with similar misgivings."

### JOHN A. DIX VINDICATED

District Attorney Finds Charges Against  
Former Governor Are Unfounded.

NEW YORK, February 16.—District Attorney Perkins announced to-day that he had investigated and established as unfounded certain charges made against former Governor John A. Dix, and others, in connection with the pardon granted Albert T. Patrick, slayer of William Marsh Rice.

Horace A. Young, an Albany lawyer, and Joseph Walker & Sons, a mining engineers' firm of this city, were named with Mr. Dix in the charges, made last November by George Goodrich. It was alleged that the pardon was granted because of a certain mining concession which Mr. Dix was to have obtained.

### I. C. C. DISMISSES COMPLAINT

Virginia Cities' Rates Made to Meet  
Certain Conditions.

WASHINGTON, February 16.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day dismissed the complaint of lumber dealers on the Norfolk and Western, Southern and Virginian Railways, that certain lumber rates from their producing points, all east of Roanoke, and south of the James River to Pittsburgh, Columbus, Ohio, and other points, are unreasonable and discriminatory when compared with rates to the same points from the so-called Virginia cities, Norfolk, Suffolk, Petersburg, Richmond, Lynchburg and Roanoke.

The Virginia cities' rates, the commission declared, were made to meet conditions of transportation and competition that do not exist at the points where the mills of complainants are located. Commissioner Meyer dissented.

### FRENCH WRITERS IN ARMY

Many Authors, Poets and Dramatists  
Serving at Front.

PARIS, February 16.—Many French authors, poets and dramatists are serving in the army. Henry Bernstein, the dramatist, is a gunner at Fort Haver; Marcel Prevost, the poet and author, is a captain of artillery in the entrenched camp of Paris; Etienne Rey, the writer, and Robert de Fiers, the playwright, are at the front, as is Reynaldo Hahn, who is a private soldier in the trenches.

Marcel Boulenger, the writer, has been taken half-frozen from the trenches near Nancy and placed in a hospital. Francois de Tessan, the journalist, and secretary-general of the French commission to the San Francisco Exposition, has recovered from wounds, and is ready to return to the front.

Death of Rev. J. E. Hutson.  
Rev. J. E. Hutson, for many years an evangelist under the mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention in Virginia and North Carolina, died this morning at 12:45 o'clock at his home, 130 South Cherry Street, after a brief illness. He is survived by one brother, Rev. J. B. Hutson, pastor of Pine Street Baptist Church; one sister, Miss Hutson, and by four daughters.  
He was seventy-two years of age.  
The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

## Pope Benedict Prays for Peace

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, February 16.—Following is the text of the prayer for the restoration of peace in Europe which Pope Benedict has ordered to be recited in all the Catholic churches in the United States on Passion Sunday, March 21:

"Dismayed by the horrors of a war which is bringing ruin to peoples and nations, we turn, Jesus, to Thy most loving heart as to our last hope. O God of Mercy, with tears we invoke Thee to end this fearful scourge; O King of Peace, we humbly implore the peace for which we long. From Thy sacred heart, Thou didst shed forth over the world divine charity, that discord might end and love might reign among men. During Thy life on earth Thy heart beat with tender compassion for the sorrows of men; in this hour, made terrible with burning hate, with bloodshed and with slaughter, once more may Thy divine heart be moved to pity."

"Pity the countless millions in anguish for the fate of their souls; for the numberless families now bereaved of their fathers, pity Europe over which broods such havoc and disaster. Do Thou inspire rulers and peoples with counsels of meekness; do Thou heal discords that tear the nations asunder; Thou who didst shed Thy precious blood that they might live as brothers, bring men together once more in loving harmony; and, as once before, to the cry of the Apostle Peter: 'Save us, Lord, we perish.' Thou didst answer with words of mercy and didst still the raging sea, so now design to hear our trustful prayer, and give back to the world peace and tranquillity."

"And do Thou, O most Holy Virgin, as in the times of our distress, be now our help, our protector and our safeguard. Amen."

## FLOOD CONDITIONS IN ITALY ARE IMPROVED

Rescuers in Boats Removing Persons  
From Inundated Houses—Many  
People in Distress.

ROME, February 16.—Flood conditions resulting from the Tiber's overflow were somewhat improved to-day, although the river is still inundating various sections of the city and country.

Rescuers in boats are removing persons from inundated houses and taking food to those whose situation is not regarded as alarming.

The morgue boat, while transporting bodies to a point from which they could be conveyed to the cemetery, capsize to-day, and caskets containing the bodies of three persons were freed from the embankment below the Castle Sant Angelo from the weight of the water to prevent its collapse.

Reports to-day from the Villa of Fiumicino, fifteen miles southwest of Rome, said that about 1,000 of its inhabitants were in distress. The entire village is isolated by the flood. The population is said to be without food. Three boats sent there with supplies have not arrived. The Minister of the Navy has ordered torpedo-boats to Fiumicino.

At the mouth of the Tiber persons driven from their homes have taken refuge on board the old ship Stella Hoiare, which the Duke of the Abruzzi used in his polar expedition.

## PRECAUTIONS FOR SHIPS

Norwegian Vessels to Have "Norge"  
Painted on Both Sides of Hulls.

CHRISTIANIA, February 16 (via London, 10:32 P. M.).—The War Insurance Bureau has directed all Norwegian ships proceeding to or from the British Isles to have painted on both sides of the hulls the names of the ships and the word "Norge." The national colors are to be painted on the ships in vertical stripes.

## No Change in Insurance.

COPENHAGEN, February 16 (via London, 10:30 P. M.).—The War Insurance Company recommends that Danish shipowners have two large Danish flags painted on each side of their vessels, one fore and one aft, and the word "Denmark" amidships on both sides of vessels. It also advises that the Danish flag be always kept flying.

The company says insurance premiums will remain unchanged until further notice.

## EDWARD A. CATLIN DIES

AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS  
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Heights, Mrs. Harry Tucker, of Richmond, and Mrs. James Courtney, of Clifton, Chesterfield County, and by a niece, Mrs. R. H. Pitt, of Barton Heights.

The funeral arrangements had not been made last night.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS

FOUR TAX BILLS  
(Continued from First Page.)

a rate not to exceed 30 cents upon the \$100 of assessed valuation, nor prevent the boards of supervisors of any county from levying a district road tax on all segregated intangible personal property at a rate not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100."

To the tax bills which have now been enacted into laws many supplementary measures will be added before the Legislature, which reassembles on March 8, adjourns sine die.

## THE WAVELET IS FLOATED

Steamer Beached After Striking Mine  
Being Towed to London.

LONDON, February 16 (2:40 P. M.).—The British steamship Wavelet, from Pensacola and Newport News for Leith, Scotland, beached near Deal yesterday after striking a mine in the English Channel, was floated to-day and is being towed to London. An inspection showed that damages caused by the mine were extensive.

## "PHOTOSCOPE" INVENTED

Enables Totally Deaf to Perceive  
Sounds by Use of Eye.

BOMBAY, INDIA, February 16 (via London, 10:30 P. M.).—Professor Albe, of that city, has invented a "photoscope," use of which enabled the totally deaf to perceive sounds such as speeches and music, by use of eye.

## TWENTY-SEVEN STEAMERS TO BE WITHIN WAR ZONE

Four of These Are American-Owned,  
and Fly the Stars and  
Stripes.

### FIVE CARRYING PASSENGERS

All of Vessels Heavily Laden With  
Freight—Six British Ships Out of  
Boston Due in England or Scot-  
land On or After February 18.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Of the steamships clearing from New York within the past two weeks, maritime records show to-day that twenty-seven are due to be within the war zone declared by Germany on and after February 18, the day set to establish the zone. Four of these ships are American-owned, and fly the American flag, and five carry passengers. The four American ships are the Suruga, which sailed for Gothenburg on February 4; the Cushing, which sailed for Copenhagen on February 6; the Kansan, which sailed for London on the 8th; and the Philadelphia, of the American Line, a passenger-carrying ship, which sailed last Saturday for Liverpool.

The four other vessels carrying passengers are the Adriatic (British), of the White Star Line, which should reach Liverpool late on the 15th or on the morning of the 16th; the Norwegian steamer Bergensfjord, bound for Bergen, the Cunard steamer Ceduna (British), due at Liverpool about February 25, and the French liner Niagara, which sailed on Sunday for Havre.

All the vessels were heavily laden with freight. The Philadelphia carried 250 passengers, the Adriatic 400, and the other three liners had fewer passengers aboard.

### DUE IN ENGLAND OR SCOTLAND ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 18

BOSTON, February 16.—Six British steamships which sailed from here in the past fortnight are due at destinations in England or Scotland on or after February 18.

Only one of them, the Pretorian, due at Glasgow on February 18, carries passengers. The others are freighters, carrying foodstuffs chiefly. They are the John Burke, due at Manchester on February 18; Devonian, at Liverpool on February 20; Ninian, at Manchester on February 21; Anallan, at London on February 22; and Leo, at Glasgow on February 23.

### SCORES OF VESSELS FROM NORFOLK ENDANGERED

NORFOLK, VA., February 16.—Scores of vessels which left Norfolk the latter part of January and early in February are now nearing the German war zone. In the list are several flying the American flag.

The names of the vessels with sailing dates from Norfolk follow:

"Vessels loaded with general cargo—steamers Urganda, British, Rotterdam via Falmouth (Belgian relief ship), sailed January 30; Boliviana, British, Liverpool, February 10; Roanoke, British, Liverpool, February 8; Athenia, British, Glasgow, via Newport News, February 3; Orkla, British, Glasgow, February 7; Rossano, British, London, February 13.

Vessels loaded with cotton—steamers Matanzas, American, Bremen, January 28; Denver, American, Bremen, February 11.

Vessels which took on bunker coal—Harald, Danish, Odens via Korsor, January 28; Vela, Swedish, Esbjerg, January 29; Olive, British, Glasgow, January 29; Norman Monarch, British, Liverpool, January 29; General Gordon, British, Glasgow, January 29; Gylmhor, British, Troom, Scotland, January 30; Tuva, Swedish, Gothenburg, January 31; British Monarch, British, Liverpool, January 31; Navadan, American, Bremen, with cotton, February 1; Yrsa, Swedish, Aalborg, February 2; Hawkhead, British, Marseilles, February 1; Jedmoor, British, Liverpool, February 1; Jessmore, British, Liverpool, February 4; Caloric, Norwegian, Dartmouth, February 3; Felix, Norwegian, Horta via Svendborg, February 6; Randulf Hansen, Norwegian, Bergen, February 6; Bonvilston, British, Bayonne, France, February 6; Bankdale, British, Bordeaux, February 7; Dacia, Rotterdam, with cotton, February 11; Grindenhall, British, Falmouth, February 13; General Consul Paulson, Dan, Aarhus, February 8; Othello, British, Havre, February 8; Globe, British, Liverpool, February 8; Lily, Swedish, Horta, February 8; Crown, British, Liverpool, February 8; Kinghowel, British, Liverpool, February 9.

### VESSLS FROM NEWPORT NEWS HEAD FOR WAR ZONE

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 16.—Twenty steamers from Newport News are now on the high seas headed for European ports, to reach which they

will necessarily have to cross the war zone declared by Germany on and after February 18, when the submarine blockade is scheduled to become effective. None of them is an American steamer and none carries passengers. Included in the list are fifteen British vessels, two Dutch, one Danish, one Belgian and one Norwegian. The cargoes are made up of horses, grain and general export merchandise.

### THREE FROM WILMINGTON WILL BE IN WAR ZONE

WILMINGTON, February 16.—Three vessels sailing from Wilmington during the early part of February are expected to be in waters near the war zone prescribed by Germany in her recent proclamation. The British steamer Ederman sailed on February 4 for Liverpool with a cargo of cotton, the Greek steamer Elin sailed for the same port on the 13th with cotton, and the Swedish ship Lilly on the 15th sailed for Norway with a cargo of oil cake.

### MITCHEL GLAD HE "TANGOS"

Mayor of New York Has No Apologies  
to Offer for Dancing.

NEW YORK, February 16.—Mayor John Purroy Mitchel tangoes, and he's proud of it.  
"Yes, I dance now and then, and if

some of those who criticize me for doing so would do so themselves, their dispositions might be improved."

That was the Mayor's reply to-day to Rev. James V. Chalmers, vicar of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, who attacked him at the Monday preachers' meeting.

"The Mayor is a backboneless creature, who stays up until 3 o'clock mornings dancing the tango, and then because he gets few things done says he hasn't time," said Mr. Chalmers.

### BRITISH SHIP BLOWN UP

The Dulwich Destroyed Off Cape Antifer—Crew Escaped.

LONDON, February 16 (11:15 P. M.).—A Lloyd's dispatch from Fecamp, France, says the British steamer Dulwich, Captain Dudley, bound from Hull for Rouen, was blown up yesterday twenty-five miles off Cape Antifer.

The dispatch says that seven of the crew arrived in Fecamp last night. They reported that no one had been injured, and that all of the crew could have made their escape in the lifeboats.

The Dulwich was a vessel of 3,250 tons, and was owned by the British Steamship Company.

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We have inaugurated this spring a department to be devoted to the stout woman—not alone the woman of "extra size," but for those with large busts and small hips, as well.

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